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THE COMING RACE.

The boating event of the year is now at hand as far as Honolulu is concerned. The crews are in rigid training at Ewa and everything is pointing to brilliant sport upon regatta day.

The getting ready for a race in this country is very different work to the preparation for a college of varsity race on the mainland. Our young athletes have to work double tides. We have no leisure class which can devote itself to sport. The days' work in office or store has to be faithfully accomplished and only when that duty has been fulfilled can the athletics be attended to. It requires then considerable force of character and much self denial to undertake the training for the Hawaiian blue ribbon of oarsmanship.

Some employers do not look with kindly eyes upon their young men who take up boating. They think it unsettles them for business and is too great a tax upon their time and strength. Such a view is erroneous. Your clerks must have amusement of some kind, and it is very much better for them to obtain it in a healthy and manly form, than to seek it in unhealthy forms. It is far better for young men to take a spin on Pearl Lochs morning and evening, that it is for them to sit in a heated atmosphere, reeking with the fumes of drink and smoke, and risking their money at cards.

The advantage of athletics is that clean men are produced. A man to be a successful athlete must lead a clean life, and habits of order and sobriety are formed which last a life time. The good athlete is a living sermon in temperance. Not only is he a benefit to himself but he is a benefit to others. The force of example is very great, and the example of a healthy, clean living man is of incalculable benefit to many who come into contact with him.

The interest of the community, then, does not lie in the boat race, but it lies in the advantage to be reaped by the youth of the Territory through the purifying influence of athletics. We may consider athletics as a moral force of great weight, and it is in this light that the faculties of Universities and Colleges regard them.

Any one who has made a study of youth knows what an effect athletics has upon character. It is true that athletics may be over done, that they have been over done, but there is no good thing that cannot be misused. Eating is a good thing, but there are those who habitually overeat and misuse the good food which nature provides. Study is a good thing, but a man may sometimes study to the detriment of his health. Money, though sometimes called the root of all evil, is a good thing but a man can make a god of money and sacrifice all noble aspirations to the amassing of it.

In the Universities now athletics are not overdone. A man cannot take prominent part unless he is well up in his studies, and the result is that a man who pulls in his Varsity crew, is liable to be foremost in the schools as well. The sound body and the sound mind go together.

We should be well satisfied that our young men take such an interest in athletic sports as they do. It is the custom to say that the tropics are too enervating. But one does not notice that among the youth of this Territory. They keep up the traditions of their race here, and when they go abroad they show to advantage along side the youth born in the more rigorous climate of the mainland. They appear in football teams, in baseball teams, in crack racing crews, wherever hard sinews and good judgement are required you will find the Hawaiian boy to the fore. We have inculcated the love of sport here, even though it is a tropical country, and the love of sport does not leave us.

Another thing which ought to satisfy us is that our young men go into sport for sport's sake. This is a country of amateur sportsman. The professional sportsman does not exist here, or if he is here he is merely an exotic. Our sports are conducted in a clean, healthy manner. The influence of university bred men is strongly felt in this direction.

It is to be hoped that the interest in sports by young and by old will long be kept up amongst us. It is has a beneficial effect upon the sinews of the youth, it also has a beneficial effect upon the minds of the middle aged and those who are in the "sere and yellow." The race that will be rowed shortly at the Pearl Lochs will test endurance of a few, but it will fire with pride and the desire of emulation in many. The Star has no preferences as to crews and welcomes the winner, which ever it may be. But The Star takes pride in the fact that out here under our ever blue sky and upon our opal tinted waters, the sturdy scions of our race can compete against one another in a gentlemanly way and show that they are equal in strength

and endurance with the youth of any part of the world.

An educational journal says: Germany is given great credit for its universities and schools, but it is questioned, in view of recent investigations, whether she is not paying too high for her preeminence in this respect. The strain upon children in the elementary schools, in particular, is excessive. A writer in a German paper recently made the remarkable statement that during the ten years ending in 1899 not less than four hundred and seven school children, of whom three hundred and thirty-one were boys, committed suicide. This in Prussia alone, where the German forcing system in education is fully developed. Without a single exception, it is stated, these children were pupils of elementary schools and schools where professional training is given. As the ordinary workingman in Prussia is unable to provide meat or nourishing food in abundance, it is possible that insufficient nourishment combined with a severe demand upon the brain was the chief cause why these children took their lives."

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE.

St. Louis College celebrates the seventeenth anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers to take charge of the school. Since the Brothers have taken charge St. Louis College, as an educational institution has been growing in influence. Up to the time of their arrival it had practically no influence, but under them it has gradually increased until it has taken rank among the foremost of the independent educational institutions in the Territory.

The Brothers come from Dayton, Ohio, where there is a training school and where those who choose to enter the brotherhood are educated for their profession. Schools under charge of the members of the brotherhood are found in all parts of the mainland, from Texas to Wyoming. In the Territory, besides the main school in Honolulu, there are branches in Hilo and Wailuku and all are in a flourishing condition.

During the seventeen years of their work here, there has been ample time to judge of the results. A large number of young men have passed through the hands of the Brothers and many of them are occupying prominent positions in business and stores and have a high standing in the community.

The Brothers not only educate the boys but they have an excellent influence upon them when they become young men, and keep up a pleasant relationship with their former pupils. Debating and dramatic societies have been organized among the old pupils, who assemble in the main hall of the institution, and other social amusements are kept up.

St. Louis College and its off shoots have done good educational work, filling a want and reaching some classes of pupils which might not be content in the public schools.

The criminal calendar is so full that civil suits have to take a back seat, so rules Judge Humphreys in reply to a request of several legal firms. When Judge Estee gets into his own court room, matters will run more speedily.

It is to be hoped that the anti-leprous shrub may prove a specific in the case of this terrible disease. One wants very reliable experiments, however, extending over a length of time. There have been so many so-called specifics, and all have hitherto been failures.

The training quarters at Ewa are reported as by no means comfortable. The idea is suggested that it would be a good thing for each club to own a house boat and let the crews sleep there. Indeed the idea of house boats for families might be initiated with advantage. There are plenty of places in the Pearl Lochs where house boats might be anchored and an enjoyable outing spent. House boats are popular on the mainland and in England.

The religious question is going to complicate educational matters in Porto Rico. At a recent meeting on that Island, the Roman Catholics and the Liberals engaged in a very rancorous debate, and the Bishop thumped the table in a very unepiscopal manner. In countries where the Roman Catholic church has had full control in educational matters, there will be a good deal of heat evolved before the American system of unsectarian education is set to working smoothly.

The Aala squatters have at last been removed. Why they have been allowed to remain so long there is by no means clear. The matter was reported long ago by the Board of Health inspectors, but received absolutely no attention. The Star brought the matter before the public a fortnight or so ago, with the result that action has at last been taken. It remains to be seen whether the squatters will only move from Aala to encamp themselves in some other locality. A pretty sharp eye should be kept upon them.

The order of the Auditor's Department against the practice of assignments of "Receipts of warrants" is a good one. For a long time the government was made use of by collectors as a means for ensuring their collections. This was discontinued some years ago. There was a time when a collector would lodge with the paying clerk of a department a list of those who owed him, and would expect the clerk to deduct from the various salaries the amounts mentioned. Then in a day or two he would call round for his cash. There has been since the above plan was abolished, a means of advancing money on assignments, and this the Auditor has stopped. This is in strict accord with methods in Federal offices.

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